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Majestic Primroses

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Plants

Plants of primroses are sold only when the color of the bloom shows, and the purchaser may choose his own colors at the garden. **It is impossible to ship plants.**

All plants are grown in my own garden from hand pollinated seed, are about a year old, grown outdoors from germination. The polyanthus have strong stems, growing taller as the weather warms. Blooms are of large size, but not colossal. Emphasis is on fine color and texture rather than on immensity. Responsibility for condition of plants ends when they leave the garden.

A. COLORS OF POLYANTHUS

Reds—Glowing and velvety, standard and new shades, medium, dark, brilliant, and some white rimmed.

Yellows—Newest dark, medium and light.

White—Large blooms and umbels, light and dark centers.

Pastels—All lovely lighter colors, cream, lavender, light blue (*acaulis*), suffused rose, apple blossom pink, light flames. These are lovely.

Blue, violet, and purple, medium and dark. Many with taller stems than usual in blues.

Lavender, carmine, and rose-carmine. Lavers especially developed for clarity in color, some orchid, cerise, Easter carmine.

Flame—An extra fine class of light brilliant yellow and red colors, including yellow, suffused or marked with red, bronze, velvety tans. Very popular and a choice with customers.

Prices of Polyanthus

Mixed (not more than 2 of a color) **Per doz.** \$3.00
Half doz. \$1.50

Single plants 25c each

One color _____ **Per doz.** \$3.50
Half doz. \$1.75

B. Acaulis primrose plants (1 bloom on a stem) prolific bloomers, each plant a bouquet. Not of my own seed, but best available. Blue and many colors. Bloom early _____ **per doz.** \$3.50

C. Garden Auriculas, from best English grown seed. _____ **per doz.** \$3.50

D. A few gold-laced. Petals finely edged with gold. Medium size. _____ **per doz.** \$3.50

Single plants of the above 35c each

New Introductions

By L. A. Eickman

Majestic Warm Laughter—Result of 6 years breeding; a new strain of clear colors in apricot, salmon, coral-salmon, some almost tangerine. A group of them brightens the garden as light, but the joy is in the color and texture of the individual blooms. Fine polyanthus type. Your choice at the garden _____ **Each \$1.00**

Majestic Crown Pink—The result of many years of selection and crossing. A true clear pink (no lavender) from light to dark color and texture of the pink rose and abalone shell. Limited number of plants for spring of 1949.

Your choice _____ **Each \$2.00**

Majestic Coral—A new smooth coral, selected plants only _____ **Each \$2.00**

Majestic "Radiance"—Trophy winner at the 1948 International Primrose show. An indescribable color between coral and salmon, with an inner glow. Perfect form. If any plants are available in the spring of 1949, true in every respect. Price _____ **Each \$5.00**

GARDENS CLOSED SUNDAYS

Seeds of Polyanthus

For the primrose addict who cannot go to the nurseries, seeds are of especial advantage and produce liberal results. These have a high degree of germination, and all are strictly hand pollinated. All are well cured, kept in the refrigerator, but are not treated chemically. Do not experiment with choice seed. Use reliable methods of growing.

Colors — as described under Plants

Red, Yellow, White, Pastel, Blue, Lavender, Flame, Carmine.

All above separate colors, each about 200 seeds per pkt. Postpaid _____ **Each \$1.00**

Mixed—All the above colors and more, also about 10 seeds each of Warm Laughter, Crown Pink and Coral, about 200 seeds. _____ **Pkt. \$1.00**

Seeds of Specialties

"Warm Laughter" (Majestic)—The best seed of this strain, from which my own plants are grown. There may also be unexpected new shades. At present limited to one packet per customer. Packet of 150-200 seeds _____ **\$5.00**



"Crown Pink" (Majestic)—When this seed has again been tested for fixation of color and proves true to color at least 50 percent, it will be sold in the spring of 1949, in time for spring planting. Per packet of 150-200 seeds at that time **\$5.00**

"Majestic Coral"—This too is being tested. If at least 50 percent true to coral color it will be sold in the spring of 1949. If not true to this extent it will not be sold. Per packet of 150-200 seeds at that time **\$5.00**

Join the Primrose Society

Culture of Polyanthus Primroses

Sow seed in spring for flowering a year later. Use flat or pot of light fine soil with sand and plenty of peat moss. Saturate with hot water. Next day sift on thin mixture of the above, level off, sow seed, cover by sifting same mixture thinly but well covered. Cover with glass, then a board to darken; keep cool, water only if necessary with fine spray. If it germinates unevenly be patient. Give more light as plants develop. Never direct sunlight.

Transplant when 4 true leaves appear into flats of same kind of soil, plenty of peat moss. Water as needed. Every 2 weeks give solution of balanced commercial fertilizer, 1 level tablespoon to a gallon of water.

When plants fill flats transplant to garden bed, deeply dug, fine, well enriched with humus but not as rich as for pansies. For blue flowers add acid fertilizer as for rhododendrons, and put in light shade, pink and others may have some lime. Plant where not exposed to hot sun in summer.

When plants are very young watch for sow bugs, cut-worms, slugs, birds, and mice. Bait mature plants for strawberry root weevil in April, June and August. See your local seed man. Primroses are not tenderlings. Treat them when young as other choice young plants. They do reward loving care.

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